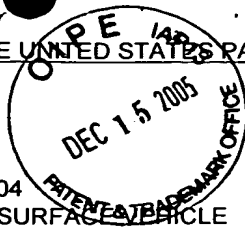


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The present communication is in response to the "NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 USC 371..." dated November 7, 2005. Attached hereto is/are:

[XX] An executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63, identifying the present application by title, PCT information, and priority information.

[XX] An Information Disclosure Statement with 08A-1449 and 2 references.

[XX] Search fee			\$400.00
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[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time:

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR 1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR 1.18.

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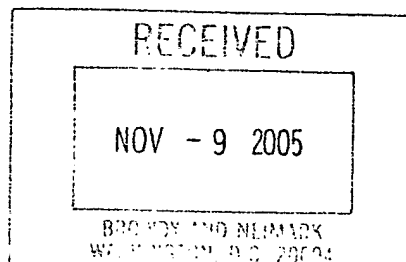
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/30/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/30/2005
- Small Entity Statement filed on 06/30/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 06/30/2005
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 06/30/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/30/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 06/30/2005

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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

- ~~\$65~~ Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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